



Department of Veterans Affairs

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Robert H. Roswell, M.D.

Robert H. Roswell, M.D., was nominated by President Bush to be Under Secretary for Health in the Department of Veterans Affairs on Feb. 6, 2002, and was confirmed by the Senate on March 22, 2002. As Under Secretary, he heads the Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

With an annual budget of more than \$25 billion, VHA is the nation's largest integrated health care system, employing more than 180,000 health care professionals and operating more than 1,300 sites of care, including hospitals, community and facility-based clinics, nursing homes, domiciliaries, readjustment counseling centers, and various other facilities. In addition to its medical care mission, the veterans health care system is the nation's largest provider of graduate medical education and a major contributor to medical and scientific research.

Prior to his nomination, Dr. Roswell directed VA's health care network for Florida and Puerto Rico since 1995. Based in Bay Pines, Fla., the network includes seven VA medical centers, 10 satellite outpatient clinics and 34 community clinics. He also served as Executive Director of the federal Persian Gulf Veterans Coordinating Board from 1994 to 1999.

Dr. Roswell previously held positions as chief of staff at the VA medical centers in Birmingham, Ala., and Oklahoma City, and held leadership positions in other VA facilities and VA Central Office in Washington, D.C. He has also served on the faculty of several medical schools and is board certified in internal medicine.

Dr. Roswell is a 1975 graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, where he completed his residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in endocrinology and metabolism. Dr. Roswell served on active duty in the U.S. Army from 1978 through 1980 and is currently a colonel in the Army Reserve Medical Corps.



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